GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – SPSR Nellore District – Sri Y.Meena Kumar, former Deputy Tahsildar, Dagadarthi (Retd.,) – Desciplinary proceedings initiated under rule 20 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules 1991 - Article of Charges issued - Explanation submitted - Inquiry Officer appointed – Enquiry report submitted - conclusion of disciplinary proceedings under Rule 9 of the A.P.R.P. Rules, 1980 – impose a penalty of "withholding of 7.5% pension for a period of eight (8) years" on the Charged Officer – Orders – Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.III.2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 84 **Dated: 23-02-2021**

Read the following:

1. Proceedings of the Collector & District Magistrate, SPSR Nellore District in Rc.A1/1448/2016, Dt:21.05.2016.
2. Explanation Dt:09.06.2016 of Sri Y.Meena Kumar, the then Tahsildar (FAC), Dagadarthi, SPSR Nellore District.
3. Proceedings of the Collector & District Magistrate, SPSR Nellore District in Rc.A1/1448/2016, Dt:09.07.2016.
4. Enquiry report of the Special Collector, Telugu Ganga Project, Nellore Dt:23.08.2016
5. From the CCLA's Lr.No.VSI (3) /549/2019, A.P., Vijayawada, Dt:27.08.2019.
6. Notice of the Collector & District Magistrate, SPSR Nellore District in Rc.A1/1448/2016, Dt29.11.2019.
7. Explanation Dt:30.11.2019 of Sri Y.Meena Kumar, the then Tahsildar (FAC), Dagadarthi, SPSR Nellore District.
8. Govt.Memo.No.LANA0CCLV(DISC)/73/2019-Vig.III(2)-2, Dt:24.06.2020.
9. Explanations dt:02.11.2020 of Sri Y.Meena Kumar,former DT, Dagadarthi (Retd).
10. Govt.Letter.No. LANA0CCLV(DISC)/73/2019-Vig.III(2)-4, Dt:23/12/2020
11. From the Secretary, APPSC, Letter.No.39/DC&C/2021, Dt:27.01.2021.

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ORDER:

Whereas, in the reference 5th read above, the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Vijayawada has brought to the notice of the Government that the Collector, SPSR Nellore District has submitted that, Sri.Y. Meenakumar, Deputy Tahsildar having committed certain irregularities in revenue records that his services, was kept under suspension. During the period of suspension he attained the age of superannuation and retired from service on the A.N. of 31.05.2019. While he was working as Deputy Tahsildar, Dagadarthi that he had been kept full additional charge to the post of Tahsildar, Dagadarthi. While he was working as FAC Tahsildar, Dagadarthi he has committed the irregularities by misusing the powers of Tahsildar. The following article of charges have been framed by the Collector, SPS Nellore District against Sri.Y. Meenakumar, Deputy Tahsildar, Worked as Tahsildar (FAC), for Issuance of NOC to Government Lands irregularly, vide the reference 1st read above.

Charge-I:

Smt. Ganta. Jeevamma, W/o late Ananda Rao was granted assignment patta (under ex-military quota) to an extent of Acs.2.50 cents in Survey No:288-2 of K.K. Gunta Village of Dagdarthi Mandal, vide F.Dis.No.97/1410, dated 19.06.2001. On verification of Dokhast Register of Dagadathi Mandal by the Revenue Divisional Officer, Kavali, it was noticed that the relevant sheet (Page) No.56, in which the entry was made about the grant of assignment patta to Smt.Ganta Jeevamma was found to be removed. Further the name of Sri Daggumati Ravindra Reddy, S/o Malakonda Reddy was inserted in the Darkhast Register for the year 1989 at page No.28 and assigned F.Dis.No.220/89, dated 28.12.1989, as if he was granted assignment patta to an extent of Acs.2.50 cents in the above Survey number under exmilitary quota and he was issued Pattadar Pass Book bearing No.J567827 vide Khata No.491 on 28.11.2014. In

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turn, the said Daggumati Ravindra Reddy has sold away the land to Sri Mavillapalli Venkaeswarlu Naidu, resident of Balaji Nagar, Nellore through registered sale deed, bearing No.636/2015, dated 30.07.2015 of Sub-Registrar, Allur. The said registration was made by the S.R.O., Allur on the strength of NOC issued by Sri Y.Meenakumar, the then Tahsildar (FAC), Dagadarthi Mandal on 24.02.2015 vide Rc.Na.57/2015.

On verification of Web land holdings of the K.K.Gunta Village, it was revealed that the name of original assignee Smt. Ganta Ravamma was shown upto 17.09.2014 as Pattadar for the Survey No.288-2 of K.K.Gunta Village, from 17.09.2014 to 25.02.2015, the name Vidavaluru Maflikarjuna find place as pattadar and from 25.02,2015 the name of Sri Daggumati Ravindra Reddy, resident of Mylapur Village, Medchal Mandal of Rangareddy District is shown as Pattadar.

Sri. Y. Meenaktnnar, the then Tahsildar (FAC), Dagadarthi has issued NOCs in terms of G.O.Ms.No.1117, Revenue (Assignments-I) Dept., dated11.11.1993. Basing on the above NOCs, the Sub-Registrar, Allur has made certain registrations.

According to G.O. Ms.No.307, Revenue (Assignments-I) Dept.,dt.06.06.2013, the District Collector is the competent authority for issue of NOCs, permitting sale of assigned lands, which was allotted to Ex-Servicemen and freedom fighters of their legal heirs.

Sri Y. Meenakumar, former Tahsildar (FAC), Dagadarthi, being a responsible Government servant has misused his powers, issued NOCs irregularly and allowed the unconnected individuals to grab the assigned land and thereby he violated the Rule-3 of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Charge 2:

Sri Reguru Raghuram, S/o.Kondaiah was granted assignment patta(under exmilitary quota) to an extent of Acs.2.64 cents in Survey No.288-3 of K.K. Gunta Village of Dagadarthi Modal, vide F.Dis.No.96/1410, dated 19.062001. He was also issued Pattadar Pass Book and Title Deed bearing No.J357317 vide Khata No.304. On verification of Darkhast Register of Dagadarthi Mandal by the Revenue Divisional Officer, Kavali, it was noticed that the relevant sheet (Page) No.56, in which the entry was made about the grant of assignment patta to Reguru Raghuram was found to be removed. Further the name of Sri Thanneeru Venkata Ramanaiah, S/o.Pullaiah was inserted in the Darkhast Register for the year 1989 at page No.28 and assigned F.Dis.No.221/89, dated 28.12.1989, as if he was granted assignment patta to an extent of Acs.2.64 cents in the above Survey number under ex-military quota and he was also issued Pattadar Pass Book and Title Deed bearing No.J659642. In turn, the said Thanneeru Venkata Ramanaiah (Ex-military) has sold away the land to Sri Mavillapaill Venkaeswarlu Naidu, resident of Balaji Nagar, Nellore through registered sale deed, bearing No.543/2015, dated:16.07.2015 of Sub-Registrar, Allur. The said registration was made by the S.R.O., Allur on the strength of NOC issued by Sri Y.Meenakumar, the then Tahsildar (FAC), Dagadarthi Mandal on 10.02.2015 vide Rc.No.41/2015.

On verification of Web land holding details of Sy.No.288-3 of K.K.Gunta Village, the name of original assignee Reguru Raghuram shown upto 16.09.2014 as Pattadar, from 17.09.2014 to 21.12.2014, the name of Thanneeru Venkata Ramanaiah find place as pattadar and from 21.12.2014 the name of Sri Mavillapalli Venkateswarlu Naidu is shown as Pattadar.

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Sri Y. Meenakumar, the then Tahsildar (FAC), Dagadarthi has issued NOCs in terms of G.O.Ms.No.1117, Revenue (Assignments-I) Dept., dated11.11.1993. Basing on the above NOCs, the Sub-Registrar, Allur has made certain-registrations.

According to G.O. Ms.No.307, Revenue (Assignments-I) Dept., dated 06.06.2013, the District Collector is the competent authority for issue of NOCs, penitent sale of assigned lands, which was allotted to Ex-servicemen and freedom fighters or their legal heirs. Sri Y. Meenakumar, the then Tahsildar (FAC), Dagadarthi, being a responsible Officer, while issuing NOC to Thanneeru Venkata Ramanaiah has not verified the title, enjoyment, possession and the Assignment rules in force along with Village record and issued NOC to the persons unconnected and thus behaved negligently in rendering his legitimate duties and thereby he violated Rule-3 of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

3. Further, on submission of Written Statement of Defence by the individual denying the Charges vide ref 2nd read above, the District Collector, SPSR Nellore has appointed the Special Collector, Telugu Ganga Project, Nellore as enquiry officer to enquire into the charges framed against the Charged Officer and to offer his findings, vide the reference 3rd read above. The Enquiry officer has submitted the enquiry report stating that Charges are held proved.

4. The Enquiry report has been communicated to the Charged officer vide the reference 6th read above and he has submitted his further explanation vide the reference 7th read above.

5. The CCLA while furnishing entire record of the disciplinary case such as Articles of charge, explanation of the delinquent officer, report of the enquiry officer and other material papers received, has requested to conclude the disciplinary proceedings against Sri.Y. Meenakumar, Deputy Tahsildar, (Retd., from service on 31.05.2019) since the Govt. are alone competent to conclude the action against the retired Govt. Servant under Rule.9 of A.P.R.P.Rules, 1980.

6. Government, after careful examination of the Enquiry Report and the explanation of the Charged Officer Sri.Y. Meenakumar, Deputy Tahsildar, (Retd.,) have provisionally decided to award a “penalty of 7.5% cut in pension for a period of 8 years” against Sri.Y. Meenakumar, Deputy Tahsildar, (Retd.) for the charges held proved, under Rule 9 of AP Revised Pension Rules,1980. Accordingly, he was directed to show cause as to why the proposed “penalty of 7.5% cut in pension for a period of 8 years” should not be imposed upon him, vide the ref 8th read above.

7. In response to the Show Cause Notice, the Charged Officer i.e, Sri.Y. Meenakumar, Deputy Tahsildar, (Retd.,) has submitted his explanation reiterating his earlier explanation and requested to reduce the rate of penalty and period of penalty proposed, as there is no other earning member in his family.

8. Government after examination of the explanation of the delinquent officer, has decided to impose a punishment of “withholding of 7.5% pension for a period of eight (8) years” against the Charged Officer Sri.Y. Meenakumar, Deputy Tahsildar, (Retd.,). Accordingly, the Secretary, APPSC was requested to place the above proposal of the Government before the Commission and furnish their concurrence to the Government for taking further action in the matter, vide the reference 10th read above.

9. In the reference 11th read above, the Secretary, APPSC has informed that after careful examination of the disciplinary case in the light of the records made available, Commission agrees with the proposals of the Government, to impose a punishment of “withholding of 7.5% pension for a period of eight (8) years” against the Charged Officer Sri.Y. Meenakumar, Deputy Tahsildar, (Retd.,) and advised accordingly.

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10. Government, after careful examination of the matter have decided to confirm the provisional decision taken and accordingly hereby impose a penalty of "withholding of 7.5% pension for a period of eight (8) years" against the Charged Officer former Deputy Tahsildar, Dagadarthi Mandal, SPSR Nellore District (Retd) in terms of Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

11. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada / the Collector, SPSR Nellore District shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

V. USHARANI,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri.Y. Meenakumar, former Deputy Tahsildar, Dagadarthi Mandal, SPSR Nellore District (Retd) through Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Collector, SPSR Nellore District.
Copy to:-
The Principal Accountant General (A&E), A.P., Hyderabad.
The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Vijayawada.
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SECTION OFFICER